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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the present application.

The enclosed references were cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding PCT application as merely being technological background. Thus, a more detailed

discussion of the references will not be provided at this time. Applicants do not have readily available English language translations of the non-English references.

The present invention defines a specific appliance for gasification of carbon-containing fuel, residual and waste materials, which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

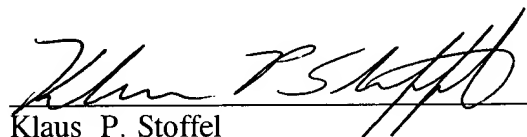
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